

IN THE CLAIMS:

Substitute the following claims for the pending claims having the same numbers.

1-49. (canceled)

50. (currently amended) A drifting apparatus for use in a wellbore junction installed in a subterranean well, the apparatus comprising:

a drift;

an enlarged shoulder attached to the drift;

a displacement device displacing the drift in the wellbore junction;

a deflection device releasably attached to the displacement device, the deflection device laterally deflecting the drift when the displacement device displaces the drift in the wellbore junction;

a no-go shoulder attached to the deflection device, engagement between the enlarged shoulder and the no-go shoulder permitting retrieval of the deflection device with the deflection device after the deflection device is released for displacement relative to the displacement device; and

a securing device securing the apparatus relative to the wellbore junction.

51. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the displacement device displaces the drift in response to pressure applied to the displacement device.

52. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 51, wherein the displacement device displaces the drift in response to pressure applied to a tubular string connected to the drifting apparatus.

53. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 51, wherein the displacement device includes a piston exposed to pressure applied to the displacement device, the piston being attached to the drift, and the piston displacing the drift when a predetermined pressure is applied to the displacement device.

54. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the securing device includes an outwardly extendable gripping structure.

55. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 54, wherein the gripping structure includes at least one slip.

56. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 54, wherein the gripping structure outwardly extends from the drifting apparatus when a predetermined pressure is applied to the apparatus.

57. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 50, wherein the securing device includes a latch which engages a latch profile attached to the wellbore junction.

58. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 57, wherein the latch is an orienting latch and the latch profile is an orienting latch profile, whereby the drifting apparatus is radially oriented relative to the wellbore junction when the latch engages the latch profile.

59. (original) The apparatus according to Claim 58, further comprising a deflection device for deflecting the drift relative to the wellbore junction, the deflection device being radially oriented relative to the wellbore junction when the latch is engaged with the latch profile.

60. (canceled)

61. (currently amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~60~~ 50, wherein the deflection device is released, permitting relative displacement between the displacement device and the deflection device, when a predetermined pressure is applied to the drifting apparatus.

62-70. (canceled)

71. (currently amended) ~~The method according to Claim 70, wherein in the conveying step~~ A method of drifting an expandable

wellbore junction in a subterranean well, the method comprising the steps of:

conveying a drifting apparatus and a deflection device into the wellbore junction, the drifting apparatus and deflection device ~~are~~ being conveyed into the wellbore junction in a single trip into the well , and the deflection device being configured to deflect a drift of the drifting apparatus to enter a selected one of multiple intersecting tubular legs of the wellbore junction; and

displacing the drift in at least one of the wellbore junction tubular legs.

72. (original) The method according to Claim 71, further comprising the step of retrieving the drifting apparatus and deflection device from the well.

73. (original) The method according to Claim 72, wherein the conveying and retrieving steps are performed in the single trip into the well.

74. (currently amended) ~~The method according to Claim 70, further comprising the step of~~ A method of drifting an expandable wellbore junction in a subterranean well, the method comprising the steps of:

conveying a drifting apparatus and a deflection device into the wellbore junction, the deflection device being configured to deflect a drift of the drifting apparatus to enter a selected one of multiple intersecting tubular legs of the wellbore junction;

radially orienting the deflection device relative to the wellbore junction ; and

displacing the drift in at least one of the wellbore junction tubular legs.

75. (original) The method according to Claim 74, wherein the radially orienting step further comprises engaging an orienting profile attached to the wellbore junction.

76. (original) The method according to Claim 75, wherein the engaging step further comprises engaging a latch of the drifting apparatus with the orienting profile.

77. (original) The method according to Claim 74, wherein the radially orienting step further comprises simultaneously radially orienting both the drifting apparatus and the deflection device relative to the wellbore junction.

78. (original) The method according to Claim 77, further comprising the step of securing the deflection device relative to the wellbore junction after the radially orienting step.

79. (original) The method according to Claim 78, wherein the securing step further comprises engaging an engagement device attached to the deflection device with an engagement profile attached to the wellbore junction.

80. (original) The method according to Claim 78, further comprising the step of releasing the drifting apparatus for displacement relative to the deflection device after the securing step.

81. (original) The method according to Claim 80, wherein the releasing step is performed by applying a first predetermined pressure to the drifting apparatus.

82. (original) The method according to Claim 80, further comprising the step of anchoring the drifting apparatus relative to the wellbore junction after the releasing step.

83. (original) The method according to Claim 82, wherein the anchoring step is performed by applying a second predetermined pressure to the drifting apparatus.

84. (original) The method according to Claim 82, wherein the anchoring step further comprises outwardly extending a gripping structure from the drifting apparatus.

85. (original) The method according to Claim 82, further comprising the steps of displacing the drift, and deflecting the drift off of the deflection device.

86. (original) The method according to Claim 85, wherein the displacing step is performed by applying a third predetermined pressure to the drifting apparatus.

87. (original) The method according to Claim 85, wherein the displacing and deflecting steps are performed after the anchoring step.

88. (currently amended) ~~The method according to Claim 69, wherein in the conveying step~~ A method of drifting an expandable wellbore junction in a subterranean well, the method comprising the steps of:

conveying a drifting apparatus into the wellbore junction,
the drifting apparatus ~~includes~~ including a tubular string
having a knuckle joint interconnected therein ~~;~~ ;

~~and further comprising the step of~~ actuating the knuckle joint to direct ~~the~~ a drift of the drifting apparatus toward ~~the~~ at least one of multiple intersecting tubular legs of the wellbore junction ~~tubular legs~~ ; and

displacing the drift in the at least one of the wellbore junction tubular legs.

89. (original) The method according to Claim 88, wherein the actuating step is performed after the conveying step and before the displacing step.

90. (original) The method according to Claim 88, wherein the actuating step is performed by applying pressure to the tubular string.